



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: PARKE CREEK FISH PASSAGE BARRIER REMOVALS

Description of Proposal: A Fish Passage Project Partnered between Kittitas County Conservation District and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

A series of four concrete and wooden irrigation dams will be removed to restore fish passage in Parke Creek with implementation of this project. Each dam was used to divert irrigation water via gravity flow down unscreened, unmetered, and unlined ditches. Irrigation improvement projects have converted much of the property to pressurized piped systems with WDFW and NOAA Fisheries compliant fish screens and the gravity diversions and associated dams are no longer necessary.

Three of the four concrete structures will be removed from the streambed and banks with rock grade controls or roughened channels constructed to prevent further incision of Parke Creek. The most upstream concrete structure may be modified with rock grade controls downstream of it to ensure excellent fish passage through the structure. One section of bank that is on a 90 degree turn with vertical banks will be restored with native vegetation and large wood installations. This is a fish habitat improvement project.

Proponent/Applicant: Kittitas County Conservation District (KCCD)

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Location of Proposal: Washington, Kittitas County; Multiple sites in Section 22 & 23, Township 19 North, Range 17 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days**

from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **September 5, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: August 20, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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